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In re Application of )  
David A. Hughes et al. )  
Application No. 08/825,492 )  
Filing Date: March 28, 1997 )  
For: SCHEME FOR MERGING PARTIALLY FILLED ATM CELLS )

Examiner: A. Hsu

Art Unit: 2738

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE -- ART UNIT 2738

Sir:

Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested. The Final Office action of February 28, 2000, ignores amendments previously set forth in a Preliminary Amendment filed December 14, 1999, and continues to maintain rejections of the claims that are unsupported both in law and by the cited prior art. A new, non-final action is required, indicating the allowability of the present claims.

**A. Summary**

The present invention concerns a scheme for merging information from two or more partially filled ATM cells into a single ATM cell. For example, first and second partially filled ATM cells may be removed from a cell stream and their payload information combined into a third

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